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Often, You Get What You Pay For

PHOENIX, Ariz., (August 15, 2018) –Earlier this week on August 13, 2018, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) submitted a case against Joseph LaPierre, age 54 of Phoenix, to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) for review of criminal charges.

The AZ ROC began investigating LaPierre, on June 25, 2018 after a complaint was filed with the Agency. Between June and October 2017, LaPierre was hired by a homeowner to complete an extensive remodel on a Phoenix home.

The victim previously had smaller jobs completed by LaPierre, trusted him to perform the work and believed hiring LaPierre for the remodel would be cheaper than hiring a licensed contractor.

With that, the homeowner knowingly entered into a contract with LaPierre; who has never been licensed in Arizona, for \$17,662. Rather than saving money, however, the homeowner ended up paying \$22,268.43 for poor and incomplete work that may need to be further repaired by a licensed contractor.

The AZ ROC commonly receives complaints where an unlicensed entity's work begins as small projects and increases in price and complexity to a point where they are unable or unwilling to complete the project and the homeowner is out of luck. The AZ ROC reminds property owners to ask contractors of their license status and to check the license by using the Agency's website or giving us a call.

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